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LIGHT-OFF CHARACTERISTICS
Examiner: Josiah C. Cocks
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AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 116

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

Applicant submits this Amendment in response to the Official Action of June 2, 2004. Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Attached are:

- 1) Amendments to the Claims; and
- 2) Remarks in support of patentability.

After entry of this Amendment, there are six (6) independent claims and ten (10) total claims remaining in this application. Therefore, no additional fee for this Amendment is required.

For the reasons given in the attached Remarks, Applicant requests reconsideration by the Examiner, entry of this Amendment, and early favorable action. If the Examiner has questions, Applicant requests that he telephone the undersigned to expedite the prosecution of this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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